NOTE I.

ON A PROBABLY NEW SPECIES OF CRYPTURUS

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A few days ago the Leyden Museum was presented by Dr. Kerbert, the Director of the Zoological Garden at Amsterdam, with a specimen of *Crypturus* which had been sent alive from Argentinia and died after having been kept in the Garden during the last winter. The specimen, an adult female with worn off tips of the wings and somewhat damaged on the hind neck, appears to belong to an undescribed species, which I propose to name

Crypturus Kerberti.

Very closely allied to *C. tataupa* and *C. parvirostris*, especially to the latter, with which it agrees in the smaller size. From both species our specimen differs, however, in the darker, grayish black color of head and hind neck, and in the slaty gray instead of whitish throat and centre of breast and abdomen.

Entire head, neck and lower throat grayish black, without any olive-brown tinge on the occiput; upper parts and tail chestnut-brown, the rump somewhat glossed with purplish, and very finely vermiculated with black,

especially on the wing-coverts, and more strongly so on the secondaries; primaries and their coverts uniform dark earthy brown; under surface of the wing, chin, upper throat, centre of breast and abdomen uniform slaty gray, not ashy white or isabel as in *C. tataupa* and *parvirostris*; chest, breast and sides of breast ashy gray with a fulvous tinge, and finely vermiculated with black; lower flanks black, each feather margined with ashy white and showing a V-shaped mark of the same color on the centre of the feather; vent like the abdomen, but each feather broadly centred with pale chestnut; under tail-coverts fulvous, with arrow-shaped, black markings; under wing-coverts like the breast. Iris chocolate-brown, bill blood-red, feet pinkish red. Wing (secondaries) 11,5 cm.; tail 2,5; tarsus 3; culmen 2,2.

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